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SPRINGFIELD MILITARY ARMORY RESERVATION, MASS.

FEBRUARY 10, 1925.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. FROTHINGHAM, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11355]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 11355) authorizing the Secretary of War to convey by revocable lease to the city of Springfield, Mass., a certain parcel of land within the Springfield Military Armory Reservation, Mass., having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that it do pass.

This is a measure to provide for the leasing of a strip of land by the War Department to the city of Springfield, Mass., for the purpose of widening a street in that city. All expenses are to be paid by the city, and the Secretary of War has advised your committee that the use of this strip of land for the purposes provided will not be detrimental to the interests of the War Department.

The letter of the mayor of Springfield, with the order of the city council, and the letter of the Secretary of War on the subject matter, are made a part of this report as follows:

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., *January 3, 1925.*

HON. FREDERICK H. GILLET,
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed find an act, in triplicate form, and also a certified copy of an order passed by our city council relative to securing from the United States a revocable lease to the City of Springfield, free of charge or rental and for the purpose of a public highway, of a strip of land 55 feet wide lying adjacent to the southerly curb line of Pearl Street and extending from the easterly curb line of Byers Street to the westerly curb line of Federal Street. I am also sending, under separate cover, blue print which should be filed with the Secretary of War.

Yours very truly,

EDWIN H. LEONARD, *Mayor.*

BOARD OF ALDERMEN,
Springfield, October 20, 1924.

Ordered, If the common council concur, that the mayor be, and hereby is, authorized and requested in the name and on behalf of the city to take any and

all steps necessary and proper to secure from the United States a revocable lease to the city, free of charge or rental and for the purposes of a public highway, of a strip of land 55 feet wide lying adjacent to the southerly curb line of Pearl Street and extending from the easterly curb line of Byers Street to the westerly curb line of Federal Street, said proposed highway to be laid out upon said land as shown on the four sheets of blue prints hereto attached, and all expenses thereof to be borne by the city, including the cost of setting back the present fence to the southerly side of said proposed highway, the drainage of adjacent property, and all details of construction and future maintenance; all of said things to be done to the entire satisfaction of the United States.

A true copy of an order passed by the city council and approved by the mayor October 20, 1924.

Attest:

CLIFFORD F. SMITH, *City Clerk.*

WAR DEPARTMENT, *January 26, 1925.*

HON. JOHN C. MCKENZIE,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. MCKENZIE: Replying further to your letter of January 8, 1925, inclosing H. R. 11355, authorizing the Secretary of War to convey by revocable lease to the city of Springfield, Mass., a certain parcel of land for public highway purposes, I am of the opinion that the granting of the authority contained in this bill will not be detrimental to the interests of the War Department, and that the widening of Pearl Street will be of material advantage to the city. Favorable action on the bill is recommended.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. WEEKS,
Secretary of War.